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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 31ST UNGA: ROK PRESS COVERAGE

1. ROK PRESS (CHUNGANG ILBO, SEOUL SIMNUM, SINA ILBO, KOREA HERALD, HANGUK ILBO) AFTERNOON APRIL 29, MORNING APRIL 30 CARRIED MODEST FRONT PAGE ACCOUNTS OF WORKING GROUP MEETING ON KOREA APRIL 28 IN NEW YORK. ACCOUNTS SAID, VARIOUSLY, THAT ROKG STUDYING FLEXIBLE UN STRATEGY, I.E., IF ROKG EFFORT TO DISCOURAGE UN KOREA DEBATE FAILS NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION WILL UNDOUBTEDLY PASS, THUS ROKG MUST EITHER (A) BLOCK VOTING ON HOSTILE RESOLUTION THROUGH PROCEEDSRAL EFFORT OR BY SUCCESSFULLY PROPOSING DEBATE POSTPONEMENT, OR (B) IF THIS FAILED, TO SUBMIT A FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AFTER THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION IS SUBMITTED IN ORDER TO BLOCK NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION. ACCOUNTS ALSO SAID MEETING AGREED TO OPPOSE NORTH KOREAN CHALLENGE, AND IN THIS CONTEXT DISCUSSED: TIMING AND DETAILS OF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION, HOW TO DISCOURAGE NORTH KOREAN MANEUVERS, ANALYSIS OF 30TH UNGA VOTING AND STRATEGY IN THE STEERING COMMITTEE.

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2. ONLY OTHER RECENT COMMENTARY ON ROK UN ROLE HAS BEEN

KYONGHYANG SINMUN EDITORIAL APRIL 27 WHICH REVIEWED RECENT ROK BI-LATERAL DIPLOMATIC SUCCESSES IN SUDAN AND BAHRAIN AND WITH VISITS OF NZ PM MULDOON UK DEFMIN MASON AND UPCOMING VISIT BY GRENADA PM GAIRY, CONCLUDING THAT PURPOSE OF SUCH SUCCESS WAS TO STRENGTHEN ROK HAND FOR "INEVITABLE" CONFRONTATION WITH NORTH KOREA IN 31ST UNGA. EDITORIAL PREDICTED FIERCE NORTH KOREAN DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE FOLLOWING COLOMBO NAM SUMMIT, SAID 31ST UNGA MAY MARK WATERSHED ON KOREA DEBATE AND CALLED FOR GOVT. TO STRENGTHEN BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES WHILE STEPPING UP DIPLOMACY TO PREPARE FOR 31ST UNGA.

COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR THAT ROKG HAS STILL NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN SHUTTING OFF FLOW OF LEAKS ABOUT CORE GROUP DISCUSSIONS. SNEIDER

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